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IN FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT AFTER HIS RETURN TO PAKISTAN, NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY LEADER ABDUL WALI KHAN ENUNCIATED HIS PRESENT VIEWS ON PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY AND INDICATED THAT TALKS WITH PRIMIN BHUTTO LEADING TO NAP AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY COULD BE HELD IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS FULFILLED.

AS REPORTED IN NAWA-I-WAQT JUNE 17 WALI CRITICIZED BHUTTO FOR HAVING ATTEMPTED TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES BY ALLEGING THAT WALI'S RECENT VISIT TO KABUL WAS LINKED BOTH WITH AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAUD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND INDIA'S RECENT NUCLEAR BOMB EXPLOSION. HE ADDED THAT BHUTTO APPEARS TO REGARD HIMSELF AS PAKISTAN'S INDISPENSABLE LEADER, BUT IN FACT IT NOW APPEARS THAT PAKISTAN AND BHUTTO CANNOT EXIST TOGETHER. BY REMAINING IN POWER, HE SAID, BHUTTO PUTS PAKISTAN'S VERY EXISTENCE INTO JEOPARDY.

WALI SAID THAT UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH BHUTTO ON QUESTION OF
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PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY HAS NOW BEEN RENDERED NULL AND VOID AS

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FAR AS NAP IS CONCERNED BECAUSE IN BOTH BALUCHISTAN AND NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY HAS BEEN DENIED. IN BALUCHISTAN, HE SAID, NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF PPP WAS ELECTED IN 1970 TO THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, BUT NOW THERE IS A PPP GOVERNMENT IN THAT PROVINCE. AND ALTHOUGH ONLY THREE PPP CANDIDATES WERE ELECTED TO THE NWXP ASSEMBLY, A PPP GOVERNMENT EXISTS THERE ALSO WITH PPP LEADER HAYAT SHERPAO ACTING AS CHIEF MINISTER IN FACT IF NOT IN NAME. HE SAID THE NAP RECOGNIZES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT DOES NOT ACCEPT THIS NEW VERSION OF THE ONE-UNIT SCHEME.

REFERRING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S BAN CONFINING ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN TO HIS VILLAGE, WALI SAID HE THOUGHT HIS FATHER SHOULD DEFY THIS RESTRICTION. NO ONE HE SAID, HAS THE RIGHT TO PREVENT GHAFFAR KHAN FROM MOVING ABOUT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND "WE DON'T RECOGNIZE" THE RIGHT OF ANYONE TO IMPOSE SUCH A BAN.

WALI HELD OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING TALKS WITH THE PPP IF THE PRIMIN AGREED TO RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, REMOVED CURBS ON THE PRESS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND WITHDREW THE ARMY FROM BALUCHISTAN.

HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS WITH THE COMMENT THAT FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS HE WOULD BE VISITING KABUL ONCE A MONTH TO RECEIVE FURTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR HIS EYE.
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